

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Masaaki HIRANO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8071  
Application No.: 10/590,278 : Group Art Unit: 1791  
Filed: August 22, 2006 : Examiner: John Hoffman  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER MATRIX

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of July 30, 2009 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-10) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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